



## NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

# The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America

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### President's Message

Fellow members,

Autumn is now in full swing and activities around the farm are beginning to slow down substantially. Although, there are other activities ongoing that are still in the mix. We have bird counts, archaeology classes, forestry operations, trail maintenance and wildlife management happening around the farm to which all are welcome to participate.

**Please remember that all hunters must register on our website if they plan to help with our farm's wildlife management.**

In December, we will be hosting our Chapter Christmas Party on the 13th, and we hope to have another good turn out for that. It's a great way to relax and enjoy each other's company, as well as meet some new friends. All members are welcome to come, and please bring a special dish to share with your fellow "Ikes". I hope to see you there!

We still have our monthly dinner meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month regardless of the weather. 947 consecutive Dinner Meetings and counting! Please come out to enjoy a home cooked meal and find out what's happening in your chapter.

Please consider volunteering a little of your time to some of these efforts. It's very important to the ongoing health of the chapter, and you will be glad you did.

I hope to see you out at the chapter, and I will be continuing my efforts in the meantime.

Sincerely,  
Joe Snider

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Fiscal Year: September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015

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The Izaak Walton League of America – a non-profit conservation organization – is recognized as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code.

Address, phone and email changes should be sent to the Membership Secretary at the above address.

Submissions to the *NEWSLETTER* should be sent to:

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## Summary of the October 2014 Dinner Meeting and Board of Governors Meeting

Jack Mandel, Recording Secretary

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### October 15, 2014 Dinner Meeting

- The 947th consecutive dinner meeting was called to order by President Joe Snider.
- Don Perino presented a wonderful slide show/lecture about Monarch butterflies. He described their incredible migration from Canada to Mexico, their life cycles and their need for milkweed. Don planted several milkweed plants four years ago on the property, and we now have a 20+ square foot plot that was recognized by the Monarch Watch Organization in the form of a plaque to B-CC IWLA.
- Joe reported that membership renewals are due and land fund contributions are welcomed. We need a few good folks to step up and take on food handler responsibilities at the chapter. The PBS educational documentary film shoot went well at the log cabin.
- Ron Marchessault gave the Treasurer's Report.
- Carol Efdimis gave the Membership Report.
- Scott Harmon said the fall clean-up went very well; 74 members participated and enjoyed some great cooking. The culvert is scheduled for repairs this spring.
- Larry Anderson reminded us to wear orange during black powder season, hunting or not. Deer harvested should be checked for ticks, and the numbers of ticks on the ears are to be reported to Larry to aid in the BCC study.
- John Novak reported that no fish activity was detected in the small pond survey conducted.
- Butch Mezick reminded us of the upcoming Walk in the Woods, and Warner Parks mentioned upcoming shotgun shoots.
- Jim Hutchinson brought up the need for a firearm donation committee chairman for auctions.
- Aaron Smith told us that the Chapter House Clean-up would be on November 15.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

### October 22, 2014 Board of Governors Meeting

- President Joe Snider called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- Other chapter officers present were Scott Harmon (1st VP), Carol Efdimis (2nd VP), Byron Ricketts (Membership Secretary), Ron Marchessault (Treasurer), Jim Tate (Corresponding Secretary) and Jack Mandel (Recording Secretary).
- Other Board members present included Frank Parker, Hope Rutley, Aaron Smith, Warner Parks, Kevin King and Jeff Seaman.
- Other members present included John Lamb, Bob Pavlick and Paul Shields.
- Guests included Bill Gordon, Lin Tate and George Coakley.
- Joe talked about the new easement credits now starting to be received by the chapter. Joe would like more suggestions for dinner meeting speakers.
- Treasurer's, Membership, 1st VP, 2nd VP and Corresponding Secretary reports were presented.
- Bill Gordon reported on Maryland and National IWLA news.

### NEW BUSINESS (Motions before the Board)

- A motion to accept 6 new membership applications passed.
- A motion to use not more than \$1,300.00 for a new pump for the Little Pond passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



## Annual Christmas Party

The Chapter is hosting its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. Members, their families and/or guests are all invited to attend this casual event for an evening of great company, wonderful food and holiday cheer. All attendees are asked to bring an entrée to share with their fellow holiday revelers. A side dish and/or dessert are a welcome choice also. We will provide the beverages.

You may also bring your own beverage of choice.

Last year's party was festive and fun with the food being a feast for the holidays. This year's event should be just as wonderful. So kick your holiday spirit in gear and come on out!

### Digital Photography Class

Larry Curtis  
email: lhcurtis@msn.com

Just in time for holiday snapshots, the Izaak Walton Photography Group will conduct a FREE digital photography class for members and family on December 7 beginning at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All levels of experience will benefit from basic concepts explained and more advanced techniques of composition and exposure made simple from portraits to landscapes to travel, make your photos more than snapshots. Editing and storage will be discussed. Please bring your camera and questions, as all three-photo group members will stay after the class is over to answer questions. RSVP with number of adults and youth planning to come. Feel free to send any specific questions you want to have covered in advance.

### Newsletter Via Email

If you are NOT receiving chapter email notices or the chapter newsletter via email and you SHOULD be, contact Tucker.Mostrom@gmail.com.

### New Membership Secretary and 2015 Membership Renewals

Carol Efdimis  
301-407-0025 email: glock.22@verizon.net

As of September 1, we elected a new Membership Secretary in office. Mr. Byron Ricketts has taken over the position. While he is the Membership Committee chairperson, I am staying on as his committee person to train a new membership secretary for election in September 2015. This means that all questions and paperwork should still come to me.

Membership renewals were sent out in mid-September. Your dues must be received no later than December 31, 2014 or a late fee of ¼ of your annual Chapter dues payment will be added to your annual dues (see Article VIII, section 4(a) of the Chapter By-Laws). An information form was included for you to fill out with updated information and needs to be returned with your payment.

**For probationary members:** If you have completed your 16 work hours, please send your paperwork to me via email or the post office. If you are unsure of when your probationary period ends or how many hours you have accumulated, contact me. Any probationary member whose probationary period ended in 2014 who has not completed their work hours will be dropped from the membership. If you would like to reapply for membership, you will need to go through the acceptance process again (see Article III, section 2.b of the Chapter By-Laws).

**For regular members:** If you have completed your 6 work hours, send in your paperwork to me when you send in your dues. If you have not completed your 6 work hours by December 31, you are subject to a \$50 work fee that is added to your dues.

These hours can be sent to me via email at glock.22@verizon.net or via the post office at the address below.

Our mailing address is:

B-CC IWLA  
P.O. Box 542  
Poolesville, MD 20837

### Christmas Trees

Christmas trees are available to chapter members. Trees are \$30 each, payable to either members of the BOG or to the treasurer at dinner meetings. Trees are "cut your own" and are located in the field on the left along the drive towards the shotgun range. There are many small trees planted in rows by our members and may not be easily visible. Please be careful of our future crop. Please leave stumps tall and visible or cut them flush to make mowing less challenging. Trimmed branches should be placed in the woods at the bottom of the hill. Any questions, contact Larry Anderson at 240-246-5302 or andupton9@hotmail.com.



## 2014-2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date(s)	Activity	Time
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Sunday, November 2	Archeology Class	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, November 3	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 8	<b>R&amp;P Range Closed – Youth Hunt Day</b>	All Day
Sunday, November 9	Archeology Class	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, November 10	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 15	Chapter House Clean-up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, November 17	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 19	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 19	Board of Governors Meeting	after Dinner Meeting
Thursday, November 20	Cub Scout Den 694 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 23	Fall Sporting Clays League	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Final Sign up 1:00 p.m.)
Monday, November 24	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 29	<b>R&amp;P Range Closed – Firearm Season</b>	All Day
Sunday, November 30	<b>R&amp;P Range Closed – Firearm Season</b>	All Day
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Monday, December 1	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 6	Christmas Party Decorating	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 6	Shotgun Range Officers Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 7	Digital Photography Class	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, December 8	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 13	Adopt-A-Road Clean-up	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 13	Chapter Christmas Party	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 14	Seneca Christmas Bird Count	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Sunday, December 14	Chapter House Clean-up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, December 15	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 17	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 17	Board of Governors Meeting	after Dinner Meeting
Sunday, December 21	Fall Sporting Clays League	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Final Sign up 1:00 p.m.)
Monday, December 22	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Monday, December 29	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
<b>JANUARY 2015</b>		
Thursday, January 1	Happy New Year!	
Monday, January 5	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Monday, January 12	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 15	Cub Scout Den 694 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 17	Chapter House Clean-up	9:00 a.m.
Monday, January 19	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 21	Monthly Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday, January 26	Boy Scout Troop 496 Meeting	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 28	Board of Governors Meeting	7:30 p.m.
<p><b>The Campground is closed during all black powder and firearms deer season.</b>  <b>Check the online <a href="http://www.bcciwa.org">www.bcciwa.org</a> electronic calendar for current and updated scheduled times of events.</b></p>		

## Wildlife Report

Larry Anderson, Wildlife Committee Chair  
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Deer firearms season will be open November 29 through December 13 (including Sunday, November 30). This is usually a busy season on the farm. We ask that during this time all members consider wearing some hunter orange if out on the farm. As a reminder, in addition to a valid hunting license, all hunters must have a current membership card that is their written proof of permission to hunt and new this year, all hunters must also register on our website ([www.BCCIWLA.org](http://www.BCCIWLA.org)) as evidence that they know our rules and property lines. The acorn crop (hard mast) on the farm is average but spotty. This is consistent with MD-DNR mast survey in the western counties. The implication of this survey is that wildlife may not be quite as active in searching out food sources this fall and winter. Please remember to log in harvested deer in our game logbook, located by the front door of the chapter house.

We do not have permission to hunt on any of our neighbor's properties. Please use the Chapter's Trail Guide and Web Page to familiarize yourself with the trails and the boundaries of our Conservation Farm. The chapter boundaries are in downloadable formats for smartphones, Garmin GPS's, etc., available from the chapter web site, under the heading "Facilities & Grounds" menu on home page. In the event that you wound an animal and it expires on the property owned by Joe Morin, located to the north and west of our farm on several different boundaries or the property owned by Vikki Van Winkle, located north of the NE Woods you may enter their property only after calling them and asking permission. You must not enter their properties with a weapon of any kind. Joe Morin, 301-674-5397; Vikki Van Winkle, 301-379-3560.

### Catch a Poacher 24 Hour Hotline 1-800-635-6124

Citizens who supply Maryland Natural Resources Police with information leading to the arrest and conviction of a poaching violator are eligible to receive cash rewards. Give names, addresses, vehicle descriptions, and as much information as possible. The anonymity of the caller is guaranteed.

### Welcome to the B-CC IWLA Family

The following new members were inducted at the October Dinner Meeting.

**Ryan Bradshaw** . . . . . 301-502-3708  
*Interests: Archery, Recreational Activities, Rifle & Pistol*

**Bryan Hockenbery** . . . . . 301-972-7867  
*Interests: Farm, Nature Trail, Pond & Stream*

**Gavin Hockenbery** . . . . . 301-972-7867  
*Interests: Farm, Forestry, Pond & Stream*

**Erik Konrad** . . . . . 301-493-4767  
*Interests: Hunter Safety, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports*

**Steven Kouchoukos** . . . . . 301-977-3706  
*Interests: Archery, Pond & Stream, Shooting Sports*

**Stuart Macrae** . . . . . 703-406-9021  
*Interests: Photography, Rifle & Pistol, Shooting Sports*

**Manuel Mendoza** . . . . . 301-529-2903  
*Interests: Family Picnic, Rifle & Pistol, Scout Camp*

## Adopt A Road Clean-up Schedule

Interested members are invited to participate in the Adopt-A-Road program on any of the scheduled dates. The Chapter is planning to do at least six clean-ups in 2015. Bags, gloves and vests will be made available for those who attend.

### 2014-2015 ADOPT A ROAD CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

Date	Start time	Location
Saturday, December 13	8:00 a.m.	Chapter House
Saturday, March 14	8:00 a.m.	Chapter House
Saturday, May 16	8:00 a.m.	Chapter House
Saturday, July 18	8:00 a.m.	Chapter House

Questions concerning the upcoming road clean-ups can be directed to John Robinson, 301-641-1188 or Ray Parker, 301-538-1232.

## Seneca Christmas Bird Count

**Early alert:** The Seneca Christmas Bird Count run by Montgomery Bird Club will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2014 in a fifteen mile circle centered on Seneca. The B-CC lies within Sector 7 of this circle. Montgomery Bird Club counts birds on our property on this occasion.

We host (07:00 - noon) the Sector 7 birders at the Chapter House, and we provide B-CC members to escort the non-members over our property. We would appreciate your help if you are available to guide or help at the Chapter House.

## Leaf Collection

We have several bins in which we collect leaves and grass clippings to make compost to support our planting operations. The bins made from the large white concrete blocks (thanks Alan!) are beside the greenhouse, down by the archery range and garden plots. Donations from members are welcome. Please no plastic or no sticks larger than large pencil thickness.



### DINNER MEETING

The 948th regular dinner meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 19** at the Chapter house. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. **Board members are expected to attend.** All members and guests are invited.

**Appetizers** will be available before dinner. Dinner this month will include **Salad, Roast Pork Loin, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, and Dessert.**

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The November Board of Governors meeting will be held at the Chapter house on **Wednesday, November 19, after the Monthly Dinner Meeting.** **Board Members are expected to attend.**

## Rifle & Pistol Range Committee Report

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Chris Efdimis, Chief Range Officer  
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### NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov. 1 **Pedersen, P.**, Mostrom, T., Glass-Royal, M., Kelly, P.  
Sunday, Nov. 2 **Glass-Royal, M.**, Mostrom, T., Urgo, C., Bryan, K.  
Saturday, Nov. 8 **RANGE CLOSED – Pare, M.**, Behrend, D.  
Sunday, Nov. 9 **Finn, K.**, Pare, M., Smelson, D., Jones, R.  
Saturday, Nov. 15 **Brown, G.**, Sigalas, G., Jones, G., White, D., Sanfuentes, J.  
Sunday, Nov. 16 **Keller, A.**, Sigalas, G., Jones, G., Brown, G.  
Saturday, Nov. 22 **Solis, J.**, Appleton, B., Antoli, P., Lan, K., Neilly, J.  
Sunday, Nov. 23 **Carey, L.**, Kuhnsman, K., Epstein, G., Lowe, C., Curtis, L.  
Saturday, Nov. 29 **RANGE CLOSED – Winter, H.**, Johns, P.  
Sunday, Nov. 30 **RANGE CLOSED – Johns, P.**, White, D.

### DECEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 6 **Pedersen, P.**, Riccio, R., Leahy, M., Kang, Y., Sanfuentes, J.  
Sunday Dec. 7 **Shallow, T.**, Davis, W., Leahy, M., Quirk, M.  
Saturday, Dec. 13 **Keller, A.**, Carey, L., Solis, J., Bryan, K., Kang, Y.  
Sunday, Dec. 14 **Epstein, G.**, Davis, W., Lowe, C., Hodgson, E.  
Saturday, Dec. 20 **Stokes, S.**, Longo, R., Neily, J., Kang, M.  
Sunday, Dec. 21 **Longo, R.**, Kang, M., Hodgson, E., Stokes, S.  
Saturday, Dec. 27  
Sunday, Dec. 28

### 2014 RANGE CLOSURES

Saturday, November 8 Youth Hunt Day  
Saturday, November 29 Firearm Season  
Sunday, November 30 Firearm Season

## 2014 SPORTING CLAYS FALL/WINTER FUN LEAGUE

50 Targets — Entry Fee: \$15.00  
Optional LEWIS for each event \$5.00  
Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m.  
Final sign up 1:00 p.m.  
League Awards by Lewis Class

### For more information

Warner Parks 240-620-6942 B-CC IWLA  
John Ortaldo 301-695-8322 FCFGPA

### SHOOT DETAILS

Where	Shoot Dates
FCFGPA	September 7; October 12;
Camp Kanawha	November 9; December 7
Poolesville	September 28; October 26;
B-CC IWLA	November 23; December 21

*League will consist of 8 shoots held at 2 different clubs. To be eligible for League Awards each shooter must shoot 6 of 8 shoots. Best 6 scores will be used by Lewis Class for awards. Load Limit is 12 Gauge 1 1/8 oz. – 3 Dram Equiv. 7 1/2. Optional Lewis (\$5) Purse (2 places/60-40%) will be available.*

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the December newsletter to  
jim@tate-tate.us and janet@spectrumprinting.com  
no later than November 21.

## 2014 Land Fund

As a member of the B-CC IWLA, I want to do my part and contribute the following amount to the B-CC IWLA Land Fund Campaign. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

Please mail contribution form and check (written out to B-CC IWLA) to Carol Efdimis, B-CC IWLA, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 20837

## For the Birds...

Jim Tate, Corresponding Secretary  
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When one of our deer hunters came up to me at the dinner meeting last month he mentioned that the deer sign is just great on the Conservation Farm. Unlike most of the surrounding forest patches, the trees on the B-CC property are producing seedlings, there is native undergrowth, and the deer herd is healthy and well fed. We agreed these are all signs of a deer population in balance with its environment. But what he said next surprised me. "Usually I can hunt deer with the help of the Snowbirds and the sparrows as lookouts while I stalk or sit waiting for the deer. But the last few years they didn't arrive until the early deer seasons were almost over."

By "snowbirds" he meant Dark-eyed Juncos, the most common feeder bird in Maryland last winter (Junco hyemalis was found on over 98% of the feeding stations in Project FeederWatch), and by "sparrows" he probably meant White-throated Sparrows (Zonotrichia albicollis found at more than 83% of MD feeding stations). His knowledge of the winter birds and their effect on his hunting success is a great lesson for the rest of us.

His hard-earned native knowledge of ecology has been confirmed by a citizen science project the B-CC IWLA has helped with for the last several years. Project FeederWatch (<http://feederwatch.org/>) is a fifteen year-old winter survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, and Izaak Walton chapters throughout North America. FeederWatchers periodically count the birds they see at their feeders from November through early April and send their counts in for analysis. FeederWatch data help scientists track broad scale movements of winter bird populations and confirm long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance.

This year we set up the B-CC feeding station during the fall clean-up day. We filled the feeders for the first time the last weekend in October, and we will make our first count soon. If you want to be part of the FeederWatch volunteer watchers, come to the dinner meeting early for a training session. During the last two hours of daylight we will be gathered at the front tables in the Chapter House watching and counting the birds at the feeders. Anyone is welcome who has a healthy curiosity about the world around them. You don't have to be an expert- it only gets in the way.

### RESULTS OF THE SUMMER NESTING PERIOD—



With the help of a willing crew, we checked the results of the nesting season just past. The season was a disappointment as was expected with the alternating cold and warm weeks we had this spring.

**BIG POND:** The twenty bird boxes at the Big Pond showed twenty nesting attempts, some of which were repeat attempts in the same box. Eight of the twenty boxes showed no sign of nesting attempts. Six pairs of Eastern Bluebirds made nests, but only one was successful in raising young. Six



Tree Swallow pairs also attempted nesting, but two pairs raised young. At the recommendation of experienced bird landlords from the Bluebird Society, we will reduce the number of boxes at the water's edge next year. We will pull some boxes near the water and place them at the edge of the woods. We have suc-



cessfully raised chickadees and titmice in boxes nearer the forest-grass ecotone. But, we stand a chance of having House Wrens take over several of those houses.

**SMALL POND, etc.:** The sixteen boxes scattered around the grounds near the Chapter House, Shotgun Range, Small Pond, Rifle and Pistol Range, and Archery Range showed twenty nest attempts. Seven of twelve Eastern Bluebird nests succeeded in raising young, and three of four Tree Swallow nests raised young. Three unsuccessful House Wren nests, and three unsuccessful House Sparrow nests were found.

**PURPLE MARTIN APARTMENTS:** As expected, the PUMA boxes were unsuccessful at producing young of any birds. One PUMA pair made a nest, but quit while there were still eggs in the nest. One Tree Swallow pair tried to nest, but were unsuccessful. Two House Sparrow nests were successful in raising young.

## Shotgun Range Report

Warner Parks, Shotgun Range Committee Chair  
301-540-1947 (Home) 240-620-6942 (Cell)  
email: wparks29@gmail.com

**Attention Shotgun Range Officers!** There will be a R.O. meeting on December 6, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapter house. All range officers are expected to attend unless you contact me prior to the meeting. Also, I have requested contact information from all range officers. At this time, I have only heard from a few - this will be the last request.

The Fall Sporting Clays League Scheduled Shoots at BCC will be on November 23, 2014 and December 21, 2014. Please remember that the range will open for normal operation after the last squad has shot. Please use caution when turning on all electric traps. Stand off to the side when cocking all arms. The TRAP MACHINE needs a few minutes to warm up before you cock the throwing arm. Please refill and restock the skeet houses and uncock all machines when done shooting. This is currently not being done. Additional targets are stored in the container next to the parking lot, the trailer under the tower, and the low skeet house on the left field.

Please pick up your empty shotgun shells and trash when finished shooting. This is currently not being done. Please keep the range clean and restocked for the next range officer and shooters. All Shotgun Range Equipment is to be used by pre-qualified Shotgun Range Officers ONLY. If any equipment is malfunctioning, please let me or Joel know ASAP.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Sporting Clays
Sundays	12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.	Trap and Skeet



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## Archeology Committee Report



Members of the chapter's Archeology Committee are gathering in the West Woods this month. This is a continuation of the on-site excavation class taught by Professor Ron Nunn. The accompanying photo shows the students gathered around the well/mine shaft to plan the day's activities. We are all learning how to properly explore and document a site that has historic and archeological significance. The class is open to all members. Parented children are also welcome. There is a nominal fee. If you are interested, contact Don Perino – [dperino@verizon.net](mailto:dperino@verizon.net).

Sunday, November 2 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, November 9 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

